



Preakness Healthcare Center

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Update, April 10, 2023

Please Note: This Update is posted on the Passaic County website and distributed through the Constant Contact email group for families who have elected to provide their email address and is distributed to all staff. Our Social Workers, Therapeutic Recreation staff and Unit Clerks distribute the Update to residents who wish to receive it.

On April 9, 2023, a resident who lives on unit 1-400 tested positive. Our resident recently was readmitted following a hospital stay. Our contact tracing includes consideration of the hospitalization as possible exposure. We are contact tracing our staff and residents of the unit. Residents and staff who have close contact with staff or residents who test positive are tested in accordance with regulatory requirements. Our resident is residing on 2-300 on transmission-based precautions.

Thank you to Father Jim (James) Moss who celebrated Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter with our residents. Thank you to Mark Zalenski who assisted Father Jim with the scripture readings. With immense thanks to our staff who work on holidays to care for our residents and their assistance in enabling our residents to celebrate holidays!

Future resident events beginning at 2 pm in our Home's main dining room include:

- Jazz Band Concert, April 12, 2023
- Birthday Party, April 14, 2023
- Baseball Opening Day and DJ Dance Party, April 17, 2023 (on the rotunda patio)
- Horticulture program, April 19, 2023
- Eid Al-Fitr Celebration, April 21, 2023
- "Elton John" Concert, April 22, 2023
- Hinchcliffe Stadium History Presentation, April 26, 2023

The Passaic County Department of Health Services is collecting eyeglasses for donation to the Lions Club. Collection boxes are located at the main entrance of our Home.

The regulatory approval to begin the fire alarm system project for the 200s and 400s sections of our Home is pending approval. Resident rooms that were vacated are reserved for the future return of residents to their rooms.

Job opportunities are available for an Environmental Services Supervisor, Nurses, Certified Nursing Assistants, Food Services Director, Food Service Workers, Cooks, Social Worker/MSW and Registered Dietitian. Feel free to provide my contact information to healthcare workers looking for a very rewarding career as a member of our team.

The New Jersey Department of Health urges residents and staff to become vaccinated as the safest and most effective protection against COVID-19 and its variants. Residents or staff who wish to receive a vaccine may contact Patrick Kuiken, RN, LTC-CIP, Infection Preventionist at 973-585-2181.

If you have an urgent call or complaint, please call Preakness Healthcare Center Security staff at 973-317-7023 and your call will be directed to the appropriate person. In addition, Dr. Geoffrey Mugalu, LNHA, Assistant Executive Director, 973-585-2113; Daniel Nasulme, RN, BSN, LTC-CIP, Director of Nursing, 973-585-1409; Aleyamma John, RN, BSN, Assistant Director of Nursing, 862-345-5911 are available to address any concerns. *A nursing supervisor is available for emergent issues by calling the nursing supervisor cell phone, 973-617-7496.*

As always, many thanks for the work of our staff, their sacrifices, and the continued support we receive during these challenging and emotional times. And, special thanks for the understanding from our residents and their families as the regulatory directives and protocols for COVID continue to evolve.
Preakness Strong Heroes Continue to Work Here!

Sincerely,

Lucinda Corrado, LNHA
Executive Director